MINUTES – December 2, 2019

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gibsonville met at 7:00 pm for a regular meeting in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams. Aldermen, Owen, Shepherd, O'Toole, Pleasants, and Dean were present. Ben Baxley, Town Manager, and Laurie Yarbrough, Town Clerk, were present. Police Chief Ron Parrish, Public Works Director Rob Elliott, Planning Director Brandon Parker, Town Attorney Doug Hoy, Fire Chief James Todd, Recreation Director Mike Dupree, ABC Chairman Paul Koonts, and several residents were in attendance.

Invocation – Mayor Williams

Mayor Williams gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Shirley Pearson, resident, stated she was glad the election was over and everyone got back in.

Ron Allred, Apple St. resident, stated he was a longtime resident of Gibsonville and he had a concern with speeders and people running stop signs.

Beverly Ross, Tall Timber Dr. resident, asked about the change in the agenda; she wanted to try and understand the change.

Mayor Williams stated some board members terms would expire at the end of this meeting and some of the agenda items were in the process of being discussed prior to this meeting.

Mrs. Ross stated online the agenda had different numbers; the agenda tonight had been updated.

Approval of Agenda

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2019 and October 21, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by Paul Koonts, ABC Board Chairman

Paul Koonts, ABC Chairman, stated renovations at the Gibsonville ABC Store had been underway for the last two years. He stated they got a CO in November. He stated there would be a grand opening on December 7th at 9:00 am. He stated Janice Wyrick, ABC Store Manager, would be retiring the end of December. He stated sales were $1,072,000 in the last year. He stated the audit was completed and was clean. He recommended Sandi Moulton be reappointed the end of December and the ABC Board was recommending Eddie Rook be appointed to the ABC Board. He stated the ABC Store had returned over $100,000 in contributions to the town; he thanked the board for their support.

Mayor Williams stated he had looked at the store and it was beautiful. He thanked Paul for his work.

Request to Connect to Outside Water

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated Rocky Corfios, owner1251 Springwood Church Rd., was requesting an irrigation tap to his property; the house is on well and will remain on well. He stated if in the future sewer was available to the property, the property owner would request annexation.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Shepherd, made a motion to approve the outside waterline connection. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution of Commitment for Required Local Match Funding for Pedestrian Projects

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated the Burlington-Graham MPO was requesting the approval of the Resolution of Commitment for Required Local Match Funding for Pedestrian Projects. This Resolution would approve local funding for pedestrian projects (listed in the Resolution) if selected. He stated staff recommended approval.

Brandon Parker, Planning Director, stated this was a cost estimate tool to use for planning; other municipalities were using this tool.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Shepherd, made a motion to approve the Resolution of commitment for Required Local Match Funding for Pedestrian Projects. The motion passed unanimously.

Town of Gibsonville

A Resolution of Commitment for Required Local Match Funding for Pedestrian Projects Selected for Federal Funding Through the BGMPO SPOT 6.0 Project Submission Process

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2014 the Town of Gibsonville Board of Aldermen adopted a Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan;

WHEREAS, the Plan's stated purpose is to identify and prioritize key opportunities for improving Gibsonville's pedestrian systems following adoption of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Plan recommended and prioritized pedestrian system that included the following five (5) sidewalk improvements projects:

1. A multi-use path on the north side of Burlington Ave. from Chase St. to Cook Rd., and
2. A sidewalk on the east side of Church St. from Boonwood Dr. to N. Timbergate Dr., and
3. A sidewalk on the north side of Burlington Ave. from Lewis St. to Piedmont Ave., and
4. A sidewalk on the west side of Piedmont Ave. from Joyner St. to Whitesell St., and
5. A sidewalk on the north side of W. Main St. from Whitsett Ave. to S. Joyner St.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned pedestrian improvement projects have been submitted for consideration for federal funding dollars through the BGMPO SPOT 6.0 submission process; and

WHEREAS, the five (5) projects submitted for federal funding consideration will enhance the safety and enjoyment of pedestrians in Gibsonville while achieving the specified goals of the Pedestrian Plan; and

WHEREAS, SPOT 6.0 selected projects are eighty percent (80%) funded by federal dollars and require a twenty percent (20%) local funding match.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Gibsonville Board of Aldermen is fully aware of, and supports the required local match of these submitted projects, should they be selected for funding.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 2019.

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Mayor

Attest:_____

Resolution by Applicant to Accept an Offer of Funding

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated this was to award the loan for the Springwood Ave./Cedar St. water line replacement project. He stated this was an ongoing project to replace a 2" waterline. He stated to accept the loan the Board must approve the Resolution to Accept an Offer of Funding. He stated staff recommended approval of the Resolution.

Mr. Baxley stated this project had been rebid last year due to State requirements.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to approve the Resolution by Applicant to Accept an Offer of Funding. The motion passed unanimously.

TOWN OF GIBSONVILLE

RESOLUTION BY APPLICANT TO ACCEPT AN OFFER OF FUNDING

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 has authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems, water conservation projects, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered a State Bond Loan in the amount of $ 649,550 for construction of the Springwood and Cedar Street Waterline Replacement, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gibsonville intends to construct said project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GIBSONVILLE:

That the Town of Gibsonville does hereby accept the State Bond Loan offer of $ 649,550.

That the Town of Gibsonville does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that all items specified in the loan offer, Section II- Assurances will be adhered to.

That Ben Baxley, Town Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connections with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That Town of Gibsonville has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 2ndth day of December, 2019.

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Leonard M. Williams, Mayor

Attest:

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Laurie Yarbrough, Town Clerk

Appointment to Link Transit

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated he had received a letter of resignation from Neil Bromilow who was the Town representative on the Link Transit Committee. He stated Veronica Revels was serving as the Town Alternate member on the Link Transit Committee. He stated staff was recommending the appointment of Steve Harrison to the Link Transit Committee.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to appoint Steve Harrison to the Link Transit Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Williams called for a five minute recess at 7:35 pm.

New Business
Organizational Meeting

a. Oath of Office to Mayor

Judge Brad Allen, Alamance County Court Judge, administered the Oath of Office of Mayor to Leonard M. Williams.

b. Oath of Office to Aldermen

Judge Brad Allen, Alamance County Court Judge administered the Oath of Office of Alderpersons to Clarence Owen, Yvonne Maizland, and Mark Shepherd.

c. Election of Mayor ProTem

Alderman Owen nominated Alderman Shepherd for Mayor ProTem. Alderman Pleasants seconded the motion. The motion unanimously..

d. Designate Persons to Sign Checks

Mayor Williams stated it was currently the Mayor and Mayor ProTem who signed checks.

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Pleasants, made a motion that designated persons to sign checks remain the same; being Mayor Williams and Alderman Shepherd. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Reappoint Town Attorney

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman Shepherd, made a motion to reappoint Town Attorney Doug Hoy. The motion passed by a 4 to 1 vote.

f. Reappoint Town Clerk

Alderman Owen, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, made a motion to reappoint Town Clerk Laurie Yarbrough. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation to Past Board Members

Mayor Williams stated the Board would like to recognize Alderman Paul Dean for his eight years of service on the Board of Aldermen. He presented Paul Dean with a plaque in appreciation for his service as Alderman to the Town of Gibsonville.

Paul Dean stated he had lived in Gibsonville for 40 years, he thanked everyone for their support.

Reports

a. Town Manager

Ben Baxley, Town Manager, stated the Gibsonville Merchants Association Hall of Fame would be January 6, 2020. He stated the next Board of Alderman meeting would be January 6, 2020. He noted the following: December 11, 2019 Planning Board Dinner, December 10, 2019 is the Ethics Webinar for newly elected officials at the Community Center, Christmas Parade would be on December 14, 2019, Town Offices would be closed December 23 to 25, 2019. He stated it had been mentioned about live streaming the meetings; there was an employee at the Library that could help with this, if the Board was interested.

b. Mayor

Mayor Williams thanked the Board for their help and stated he would continue to go to Raleigh. He stated they needed to bring things together that impact Gibsonville; not impact individuals. He asked if a citizen had a concern bring it to the Board and it they would add it to the agenda.

c. Board Members

Alderwoman Maizland thanked the Gibsonville residents for giving her a chance to serve. She stated some of her goals were physical responsibility, a balance budget, safety, transparency, economic development, and downtown facelift.

Alderman Pleasants asked about the old school.

Mayor Williams asked the Town Manager to put the old school on the agenda and asked the old school property representatives to come to the January meeting.

Doug Hoy, Town Attorney, stated he had spoken with the N.C. Historical Association and they were not concerned with the delay on the project. He stated the Legislature had passed certain credits causing different requirements; they held restrictive covenants on what they could do with buildings.

Mayor Williams stated he had heard tax credits had been extended. He was concerned because the building is falling down.

Mr. Hoy stated this was setup in multiple LLC's.

Mayor Williams stated the Town needed to be more forceful.

Alderman O'Toole asked did the carry any liability insurance.

Mr. Hoy stated he did not know.

Alderman O'Toole stated they could speed up the process by condemning the building or abatement. He stated last month the Town Manager, Town Planner, and he attended a meeting on comprehensive bicycle planning. He stated the comprehensive plan should be out by mid to late June.

Alderman Shepherd, seconded by Alderman Owen, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Town Clerk